

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 of this Application under 35.U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,003,773 to Hoennig et al. (herein, “Hoennig”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,644,720 to Boll et al. (herein, “Boll”).

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 10 of this Application under 35.U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,300,947 B1 to Kanevsky (herein, “Kanevsky”).

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 15, and 20 of this Application under 35.U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0047383 A1 to Dutta (herein, “Dutta”).

The Examiner has rejected claim 12 of this Application under 35.U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0033356 A1 to Tran et al. (herein “Tran”).

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

The claims have been amended as set forth above.

All amendments are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hoennig in view of Boll

The first issue in this case is whether claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 are unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner’s characterization of these references as reading on the various claim elements is not on point and that the combination of Hoennig and Boll does not render these claims unpatentable. Nevertheless, Applicants have amended claims 1, 13, 16, and 18 to expedite the handling of this application and without prejudice to distinguish any of the claims or

claim elements in this application from the prior art at another time. Applicant respectfully submit the amendments made to claims 1, 13, 16, and 18, thereby distinguishing said claims over the prior art of record.

Claims 1, 13, 16, and 18 each include the following limitation:

“the adapter being designed for use with a particular client program.”

Applicants respectfully submit that with this limitation, these claims are now distinguishable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9, and 11 are dependent claims that include all the limitations of claim 1 and include additional limitations. Therefore, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons and further because Hoennig and Boll do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Claim 14 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 13 and include additional limitations. Therefore, this claim is allowable for at least the same reasons and further because Hoennig and Boll do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Claim 17 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 16 and include additional limitations. Therefore, this claim is allowable for at least the same reasons and further because Hoennig and Boll do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Claim 19 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 18 and include additional limitations. Therefore, this claim is allowable for at least the same reasons and further because Hoennig and Boll do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Kanevsky

The second issue in this case is whether claims 4 and 10 are unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Kanevsky under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully point out that claims 4 and 10 are dependant claims that include all the limitations of

claim 1 and include additional limitations. Therefore, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons stated above and further because a combination of Hoennig, Boll, and Kanevsky do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Dutta

The third issue in this case is whether claims 8, 15, and 20 are unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Dutta under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully point out that claim 8 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 1 and includes additional limitations. Similarly, claim 15 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 13 and claim 20 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 18. Therefore, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons stated above and further because a combination of Hoennig, Boll, and Dutta do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Tran

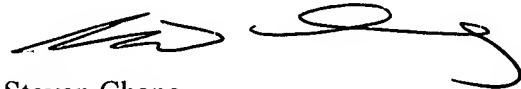
The fourth issue in this case is whether claim 12 is unpatentable over Hoennig in view of Boll and in further view of Tran under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully point out that claim 12 is a dependent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 1 and includes additional limitations. Therefore, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons stated above and further because a combination of Hoennig, Boll, and Tran do not disclose the additional limitations of these dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-244-6319.

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